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FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM SISCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER RABIN

1. SECRETARY WISHES YOU TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE WITHOUT ELABORATION FROM HIM TO PRIME MINISTER RABIN THROUGH DINITZ.

2. AS EXPECTED WE HAD A FULL REVIEW OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION WITH MR. GROMYKO. GROMYKO STRESSED THE DANGERS OF THE SITUATION WHICH CURRENTLY EXISTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, EMPHASIZING THE NEED TO MOVE PROMPTLY TOWARD A GENEVA CONFERENCE AND INSISTING ON SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN ALL PHASES OF THE CONFERENCE. WE AVOIDED ANY COMMITMENT ON A SPECIFIC CONVEING DATE FOR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

3. GROMYKO ALSO PROPOSED THAT A JOINT US/USSR INVITATION BE DISPATCHED IMMEDIATELY TO THE PLO TO PARTICIPATE IN A RENEWED GENEVA CONFERENCE. WE FENDED OFF THIS PROPOSAL AS WELL.

4. WE HAVE AGREED TO FOLLOW-UP TALKS WITH THE SOVIETS AFTER PRESIDENT FORD HAS COMPLETED HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER RABIN. MOREOVER, GROMYKO AND I WILL MEET AGAIN SOMETIME IN JULY TO HAVE A FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

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ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND SALT.

5. IN SHORT, THE ABOVE CONSTITUTES A STEP CLOSER TO A GENEVA CONFERENCE WHILE THE UNITED STATES RETAINS ITS OPTIONS ON THE SPECIFICS OF TIMING AND SUBSTANCE AS WELL AS OTHER POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES.

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